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WASHINGTON, February 27, 1992 -- Carloadings originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended February 22 totaled 324,155, up 1.6 percent from the corresponding week of 1991 and up 0.3 percent from the preceding week, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads and 97 percent of rail intermodal loadings.

Carloadings originated were up 2.4 percent in the East and up 0.7 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1991 week, loadings of motor vehicles and equipment increased by 3,110 cars (21.4 percent), loadings of coal fell by 4,516 cars (3.4 percent), and metals and products loadings increased by 1,714 cars (20.2 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first eight weeks of 1992 totaled 2,511,740, up 1.7 percent from the comparable period in 1991.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- not included in the carloadings -- totaled 120,870 trailers and containers for the week ended February 22, up 3.4 percent from 1991.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first eight weeks of 1992 was 954,400 trailers and containers, 4.2 percent above the 1991 comparable total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended February 22 totaled 20.8 billion, up 4.0 percent from the corresponding week of 1991. Cumulative volume for the first eight weeks of 1992 was an estimated 161.8 billion ton-miles, up 4.7 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 22, 1992

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 22, 1992	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1991	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	28,317	27,686	2.3 %	30,395	-6.8 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,517	1,714	-11.5	1,680	-9.7
Metallic Ores	14,442	14,874	-2.9	13,748	5.0
Coal	127,734	132,250	-3.4	123,354	3.6
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	10,740	10,789	-0.5	10,552	1.8
Nonmetallic Minerals	8,424	7,681	9.7	8,229	2.4
Grain Mill Products	10,227	9,713	5.3	10,783	-5.2
Food & Kindred Products	9,009	8,832	2.0	9,275	-2.9
Primary Forest Products	9,184	8,856	3.7	9,287	-1.1
Lumber & Wood Products	6,073	5,537	9.7	5,901	2.9
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,350	10,347	0.0	10,595	-2.3
Chemicals	28,748	26,722	7.6	29,824	-3.6
Petroleum Products	4,481	4,089	9.6	5,375	-16.6
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	8,099	8,236	-1.7	8,184	-1.0
Coke	5,339	5,310	0.5	5,312	0.5
Metals & Products	10,179	8,465	20.2	9,884	3.0
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	17,625	14,515	21.4	16,217	8.7
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,149	8,136	0.2	8,379	-2.7
All Other Carloads	5,518	5,407	2.1	6,175	-10.6
Total	324,155	319,159	1.6 %	323,149	0.3 %

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 22, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 8 WEEKS ENDING FEBRUARY 22, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	324,155	319,159	1.6 %	2,511,740	2,468,592	1.7 %
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	58,850	59,347	-0.8	460,322	473,564	-2.8
Containers	62,020	57,525	7.8	494,078	442,335	11.7
Total	120,870	116,872	3.4	954,400	915,899	4.2
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	20.8	20.0	4.0 %	161.8	154.6	4.7 %

NOTE: Carloadings are estimated for: Week 8, 1992 - PLE.

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